

WILSON PEOPLE CLAIM CONTROL OF CONVENTION

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er Byrd can go to Baltimore at all. It is not believed the Seventeenth District will elect him, unless concessions and compromises are made to-night. There were practically no responses from the Third and Ninth Districts from the roll call at the Wilson meeting.

The State Democratic Convention will be called to order at noon to-morrow in the Grand Theatre by Chairman J. Taylor Kilgus. In accordance with the action of the State Committee to-night, the officers will be as follows: Colonel James R. Catton, of Alexandria, temporary chairman; J. N. Brenaugh, of Shenandoah, temporary secretary; R. H. Cunningham, of Norfolk, temporary sergeant-at-arms.

All district delegations will meet at 10 o'clock at appointed places to select district delegates and alternates to the national convention, members of the State Committee and presidential electors.

Among the meetings held to-night was one of the Ninth District delegation at the Lynnhaven Hotel. It was addressed by General Rufus A. Ayers, of the Stone Gap, candidate for Congress, who predicted success in the November election.

The hotel lobbies are crowded to-night with delegates and visitors, and rumors of all sorts are in progress. The scene is exceedingly animated.

Prohibition Spectre. Every conceivable topic of interest in Virginia political affairs has been discussed throughout the city by the hundreds of delegates who through the lobby of the Monticello Hotel, the convention headquarters. The quadrennial meeting of the Democrats of Virginia constitutes the fountain whence flows the political life of the State. There is settled the organization and the policies of the dominant party, and it is natural that every representative party man should seek either to impress his individual views or to manifest his opposition to any existing or projected doctrine or principle to which he cannot subscribe. It was plainly evident from the beginning that the subject of a prohibition fight was troubling the party leaders not a little.

The leaders are divided among themselves on the issue, but practically all of them are unwilling to involve the convention in a discussion of a matter which could only result in the drawing of factional lines without the possibility of a solution which would be satisfactory to the side which found itself in the minority when the issue was settled. Delegates from a certain city told how an avowed State prohibitionist had tried to secure election to the convention as a delegate for the purpose of helping to get through a resolution committing the party to a referendum on the liquor question. Now and then throughout the day it was said that from some source would come such a resolution. But its origin could not be located.

Lee Credited With Movement. Fish Commissioner W. McDonald Lee was credited in some quarters with being interested in such a movement. "So far as I am at present advised," said Mr. Lee in reply to a question on the subject, "I do not expect such an attempt will be made. At all events, I hardly think I shall take such action should I do so, it would be with the idea of getting this vexed matter on my way or the other and put at rest."

Many of the close observers predict that some one will precipitate the matter either on the floor of the convention or in the meeting of the committee on resolutions.

There seems to be no foundation for the report that the primary issue will cause a fight. The new Byrd law on the subject has not as yet gone into effect, and its results are entirely problematical. Beyond an adherence to the system, it is unlikely there will be mention of primaries. It would appear to be much more likely that some one will try to secure the adoption of a resolution endorsing a Federal income tax.

Color is lent to this view because of the fact that practically every Virginia Congressman favors such a tax. Senator Martin made it a part of his campaign declarations last year. It will be fought, and it is likely that the leader of the opposition will be Hugh A. White, of Rockbridge, who has opposed it in legislative councils since it was proposed.

Third District Fight. All sorts of rumors were afloat throughout the day regarding the Third District situation.

While the organization leaders were from the beginning willing to send H. M. Smith, Jr., as a district delegate to the Baltimore convention, they did not like efforts attributed to him to defeat C. B. Cooke, and to substitute C. P. Cardwell in Mr. Cooke's place. The latter was said to have certainly more than enough votes to elect him. Mr. Smith was a candidate during the day for permanent chairman of the convention, but was in such a hopeless minority that his race was at no time taken seriously. Representative James Hay was the favorite with nearly everybody.

It seems that the only contest for consideration by the committee on

Have You Got These Tetravzini Victor Records?

April (piano accompaniment). Paolo Testi

Ballo in Maschera—Saverio Mercante (You Would Hear)

Barbiera—Una voce poco fa (A Little Voice I Hear)

Caravallas (From "Las Hajas del Zencido") In Spanish, Chapi

Carnival of Venice—Part I, Benedetti

Carnival of Venice—Part II, Benedetti

Dinorah—Ombra leggiera (Shadow)

Lakme—Dev' e l'indiana bruna

Lucia di Lammermoor—Requiem

Lucia—Mad Scene (Duet obligato by Oesterreicher), Donizetti

Martha—The Last Rose of Summer

Mignon—Polonaise, "Io son Titania"

Nozze di Figaro—Voi sapete

Paris du Bresil—Charmant Oiseau

Proch's Air and Variations

Rigoletto—Caro Nome (Dearest Name)

Romeo et Juliette—Valse (Julliet)

Sonnambula—Ah! non credermi mirati

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Swiss Echo Song (L'Eco)

Traviata—Ah! fors' e lui

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credentials will be from Norfolk county, which furnishes a contest when everybody else is at rest. The straight-out fight have been holding magisterial district meetings and electing delegates to oppose the men chosen at the fusion primaries. The fusionists profess to have such a plain case that there is no doubt of victory in the committee, and as a natural result, on the floor of the convention.

Speaker Richard Evelyn Byrd held conferences all day long with his friends of the Woodrow Wilson adherents. Many Wilson badges were seen in the hotel lobbies, and but very few of any other kind. Yet they were not by any means in the majority.

Senator John H. Bankhead, of Alabama, mixed among the delegates, doing what he could for Congressman Oscar W. Underwood. George N. Jeffers, of the Clark headquarters, discussed the Speaker of the House of Representatives to all who would listen and made campaign predictions in advance of the coming of Senator Stone, of Mississippi, into the afternoon.

The burden of the talk of the Clark and Underwood representatives was merely that they hoped to prevent any sort of action at this meeting in favor of Governor Wilson and to secure delegates friendly to their men. Both had to admit that if the unit rule was enforced it would make little difference as to such preferences, since the delegation will then be swayed by the majority, or more correctly speaking, by the leaders.

Act With Sixth District. Some interest was aroused over the situation of Charlotte and Halifax counties. By act of the last Legislature these two counties were taken from the Sixth District and put in the Fifth for political reasons. The act will not be in effect until June 1, and it was finally decided that the counties must still, so far as this convention is concerned, act with the Sixth District delegation and perhaps secure their part of the political honors.

All Congressmen arrived during the day excepting Senator Martin, who cannot come. Representative Carter Glass, who favors Wilson, but is in favor of an unattached delegation, was about the lobby most of the day discussing the signs of the times with his political friends, and it is said, receiving many assurances of support for re-election in spite of the opposition to him. W. A. Jones saw many friends in his room. Senator Swanson was busy at all hours. H. D. Flood was in all places at once.

Secretary J. N. Brennan will be re-elected without opposition. He has with him many convention rolls showing the proper representation from each political subdivision. Some delegates are inclined to argue with him regarding the correctness of his figures, but he points to the presidential election records of 1908, as an illustration of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, where he secured the information.

The Richmond delegation has most of the fourth floor of the convention hotel.

Fight Over State Board of Education. One of the fights before the convention to-morrow will be over a resolution aimed at the State Board of Education and its method of selecting division school superintendents. Its patron is W. B. Walton, member of the House of Delegates from Hanover, whose efforts at changes in the school system won him public notice at the last session of the Legislature.

He wants all superintendents chosen at party primaries. Mr. Walton is exceedingly active to-night and claims wide support for this resolution. It will be warmly advocated by S. H. Love, of Lunenburg, who is on the scene with his usual attitude toward the school system as at present conducted. After setting forth that the people of Virginia demand and ought to have a larger voice in the management of school affairs, which under the present laws and the regulations of the Department of Public Instruction they are denied, the resolution denounces the school system as "an oligarchy contrary to the principles of democracy and repugnant to governmental institutions." The resolution then follows:

"Be it resolved by the Democrats of Virginia in convention assembled, That all Democratic candidates for positions as division superintendents of schools be and are hereby required to submit their claims to said office to the decision of the Democratic party, many which shall be suitably provided for by the party officials."

"And be it further resolved, That the Democratic members of the State Board of Education be and are hereby in honor bound to vote for the appointment of such superintendents as are nominated by the primaries."

Sixth congressional district delegates to the Democratic State Convention carried their grievances against what they regarded as unfair means used in connection with the parceling out of delegates to Baltimore, to the floor of the state committee meeting to-night.

They were ignominiously defeated, when the committee, by a vote of 23 to 9, sustained a ruling of State Chairman J. Taylor Kilgus, which will result in the election of delegates to Baltimore, to the floor of the state committee meeting to-night.

The trouble arose over the redistribution of the State as affected by the last Legislature. The committee of Halifax and Charlotte were then taken from the Sixth District and placed in the Fifth in order to make the latter

certainly Democratic. This law will not go into effect until June 13.

Halifax county wants to send Gran Craddock, the clerk of the Circuit Court and a well-known political worker, to Baltimore as a delegate. It seemed the only way to get him in to vote for the new Fifth District, since the two places from the Fifth had been spoken for and agreed upon. The Sixth District folks did not take kindly to this arrangement, as it reduced their representation to one, while giving the new Fifth District three. They kicked long and loudly, but it did them no good.

Henry O. Humphreys, of Bedford, started the fight in the state committee meeting. He said that when the Baltimore meeting is held, the new redistribution will be in effect and ought to govern. Robert Gilliam tried to head him off without success, and J. Taylor Thompson, of Farmville, disagreed with Mr. Humphreys in his views.

At last, Chairman Kilgus was asked for a ruling, and said that as the law was not in effect, Halifax and Charlotte should be still regarded as in the Sixth District, so far as this convention is concerned. Mr. Humphreys did not give up. He first referred to letters written by Mr. Kilgus as if the chairman had changed his position recently. He was rebuffed by Colonel E. D. Cole, of Fredericksburg. The Bedford man said he had meant no reflection upon the chairman. He then appealed to the committee from Mr. Kilgus's ruling, the chair being sustained by the vote of twenty-three to nine on roll call. The insurgents in politics mainly voted for the appeal.

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ASSEMBLY AIMS BLOW AT WILSON

Louisville, Ky., May 22.—Expressing its disapproval of the action of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in accepting last summer's vice-presidency of the Brewers' Congress at Chicago, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to-day rescinded its action in naming him as a delegate to the Presbyterian General Council.

The nominating committee was directed to nominate a delegate from the Synod of Baltimore, from which Secretary Wilson was to have been a representative for the office.

What was taken to be an inference

doxy of every board member.

The report of the board of publication and Sunday school work, presented to-day, was accompanied by resolutions providing for the appointment of a committee to confer with the board and to withdraw from distribution such graded lessons as are held to be unsatisfactory. Amended so as to provide that the decision of the committee alone would be sufficient to cause withdrawal of such literature, the resolution was adopted.

First State to Ratify. Boston, May 22.—By the favorable action of the Senate to-day Massachusetts is placed in line as the first State in the Union to ratify the amendment to the Federal Constitution for the direct election of United States Senators and none against.

Good Meals at Camp Comfort. The boys at Camp Comfort are using the same stove that they had last year. It was the best they could get. It was a

New Perfection Oil Cook-stove

This year they got a New Perfection Oven Also a New Perfection Toaster Also a New Perfection Broiler

"Gee, what a difference in the meals a good stove makes," said one of the boys. So they called their shack "Camp Comfort." And they will tell their mothers and wives about the stove, too. For the New Perfection Oil Cook-stove is as convenient for the home as for the camp. It will bake, broil, roast and toast as well as a regular coal range.

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ways in which a Public Utility Company differs from all ordinary manufacturing or merchandising concerns are these, namely:

(1) The Public Utility Company does not primarily deal in commodities; it performs a SERVICE. And by the quality of that service it must stand or fall—succeed or fail.

(2) The Public Utility Company cannot be transplanted to any other city. The Virginia Railway and Power Company has invested millions of dollars in Richmond to serve the People of Richmond. Both investment and service are local, and by their very nature cannot be moved to any other place.

(3) The Public Utility Company cannot be established or maintained without Public Co-Operation. Its "distribution system"—the apparatus necessary to convey the service to the people—must inevitably to some extent occupy or traverse public property; and this cannot lawfully be done except by the People's permission, in the shape of a grant or franchise.

From the inherent nature of this whole class of business, in any Public Utility ONE SOURCE OF SUPPLY AND ONE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INSURES THE BEST SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND A MINIMUM COST TO EACH CONSUMER.

These are some of the reasons why the old ideas of competition (whether or not they are applicable to ordinary manufacturing and merchandising) do not and cannot apply to Public Utilities.

If two separate systems of Electric Light and Power Service would be better than one such system for the people of Richmond, four would be better than two; eight would be better than four; and a hundred would be better than eight—which, you will rightly say, is a manifest absurdity.

Natural Laws sometimes seem to work slowly—because we human beings are slow to understand their workings—but they work; and they are inexorable. It is a Natural Law that in any Public Utility the QUALITY OF SERVICE IS IMPROVED AND ECONOMY IS INCREASED NOT BY COMPETITION AND DIVISION, BUT BY CO-OPERATION AND CONCENTRATION. And in accordance with this law every organized, unified community ultimately must and will for the public welfare, reject and prevent competition in its Public Utilities.

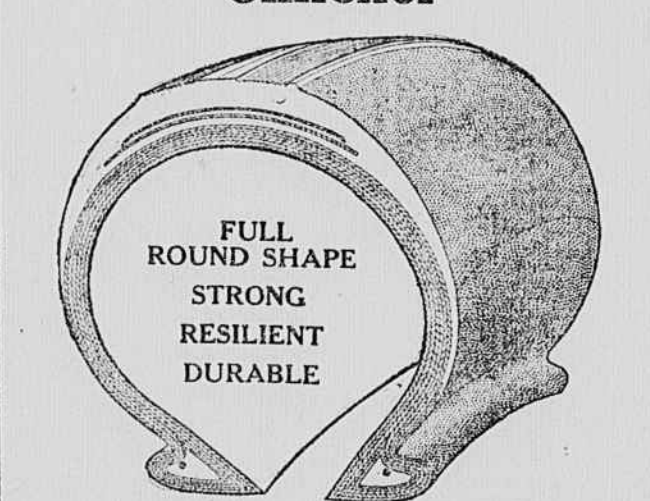
There is no more need and no more reason for a competing electric light and power plant in Richmond than there is for a COMPETING WATER WORKS or a COMPETING GAS WORKS—the one would be as much against the public interest as the other, and as much a PUBLIC NUISANCE and a PUBLIC INJURY.

Remember this—and read to-morrow's "Service Talk."

Virginia Railway and Power Company,
William Northrop, President.

Service Talk No. 6
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THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Virginia—Fair Thursday; Friday, fair, warmer in east portion.

For North Carolina—Local showers Thursday; Friday, fair; warmer in east portion.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.

12 noon temperature 83
P. M. temperature 84
Maximum temperature up to 8
P. M. temperature 84
Minimum temperature up to 8
P. M. temperature 74
Mean temperature 79
Normal temperature 69
Excess in temperature 10
Excess in temperature since March 1
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1 419
Excess in rainfall since March 1 4.71
Accum. excess in rainfall since January 1 1.53

Local Observation S. P. M. Yesterday.

Temperature 74
Humidity 76
Wind, direction S. E.
Wind, velocity 12
Weather Partly cloudy

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather
Ashville	72 78 56 P. cloudy
Atlanta	76 82 66 P. cloudy
Atlantic City	76 82 66 P. cloudy
Boston	52 58 32 P. cloudy
Buffalo	58 60 36 P. cloudy
Calgary	50 60 14 Rain
Charleston	72 82 70 Cloudy
Chicago	82 86 70 Clear
Denver	72 78 48 Cloudy
Duluth	52 58 28 Cloudy
Galveston	76 82 68 P. cloudy
Hartford	70 72 68 Rain
Havre	46 50 44 Rain
Jacksonville	72 82 64 Clear
Kansas City	82 88 70 Clear
Louisville	82 88 70 Clear
Montgomery	80 86 72 P. cloudy
New Orleans	80 86 72 P. cloudy
New York	54 64 10 P. cloudy
Norfolk	70 80 70 P. cloudy
Oklahoma	84 86 68 Clear
Pittsburgh	82 86 70 Clear
Raleigh	72 82 68 P. cloudy
St. Louis	82 86 70 P. cloudy
St. Paul	74 80 54 Cloudy
San Francisco	58 64 50 P. cloudy
Savannah	72 80 68 P. cloudy
Spokane	48 52 44 Rain
Tampa	78 84 72 Clear
Washington	68 82 68 Clear
Wilmington	48 58 48 P. cloudy
Wynneville	70 80 56 Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

May 23, 1912.

Sun rises 4:56 Morning 10:04

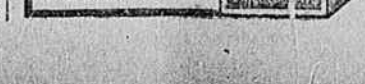
Sun sets 7:17 Evening 10:12

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